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# H. R. 1839

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATION**  
4 **AND BENCHMARK REPORTS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTA-  
6 TION.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “(i)” after  
8 “(B)” and by adding at the end the following:

9 “(ii) The Administrator shall ensure that  
10 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, car-  
11 ries out a plan to increase the proportion of mentors

1       who are from socially or economically disadvantaged  
2       backgrounds and, on an annual basis, reports to the  
3       Administrator on the implementation of this sub-  
4       paragraph.”.

5       (b) BENCHMARK REPORTS.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of  
6       the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as  
7       amended, is further amended by adding at the end the  
8       following:

9               “(iii) The Administrator shall ensure that  
10       SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-  
11       lishes benchmarks for use in evaluating the perform-  
12       ance of its activities and the performance of its vol-  
13       unteers. The benchmarks shall include benchmarks  
14       relating to the demographic characteristics and the  
15       geographic characteristics of persons assisted by  
16       SCORE, benchmarks relating to the hours spent  
17       mentoring by volunteers, and benchmarks relating to  
18       the performance of the persons assisted by SCORE.  
19       SCORE shall report, on an annual basis, to the Ad-  
20       ministrator the extent to which the benchmarks es-  
21       tablished under this clause are being attained.”.

22   **SEC. 2. MENTORING AND NETWORKING.**

23       Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15  
24       U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as amended, is further amended by  
25       adding at the end the following:

1           “(iv) The Administrator shall ensure that  
 2       SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-  
 3       lishes a mentoring program for small business con-  
 4       cerns that provides one-on-one advice to small busi-  
 5       ness concerns from qualified counselors. For pur-  
 6       poses of this clause, qualified counselors are coun-  
 7       selors with at least 10 years experience in the indus-  
 8       try sector or area of responsibility of the small busi-  
 9       ness concern seeking advice.

10           “(v) The Administrator shall carry out a net-  
 11       working program through SCORE, established  
 12       under this subparagraph, that provides small busi-  
 13       ness concerns with the opportunity to make business  
 14       contacts in their industry or geographic region.”.

15 **SEC. 3. NAME OF PROGRAM CHANGED TO SCORE.**

16       (a) NAME CHANGE.—The Small Business Act is  
 17       amended—

18           (1) in section 8(b)(1)(B) (15 U.S.C.  
 19       637(b)(1)(B)), by striking “Executives (SCORE)”  
 20       and inserting “Executives (in this Act referred to as  
 21       ‘SCORE’)”;

22           (2) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.  
 23       636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “the Service  
 24       Corps of Retired Executives” and inserting  
 25       “SCORE”;

1 (3) in section 20 (15 U.S.C. 631 note)—

2 (A) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by striking  
3 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-  
4 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

5 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(E), by striking  
6 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-  
7 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

8 (4) in section 33(b)(2) (15 U.S.C. 657c(b)(2),  
9 by striking “the Service Corps of Retired Executives  
10 program” and inserting “SCORE”.

11 (b) **ELIMINATION OF ACE.**—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of  
12 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as  
13 amended, is further amended by striking “and an Active  
14 Corps of Executive (ACE)”.

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631  
17 note) is amended by inserting the following new subsection  
18 after subsection (e):

19 “(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
20 **SCORE.**—There is authorized to be appropriated  
21 \$7,000,000 for SCORE under section 8(b)(1) for each of  
22 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

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